

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which they regard as their invention. Amended claim 1 recites compounds 14-37, support for which can be found in Examples 1-24 of this application. See the specification, pages 13-42. Applicants have also rewritten claim 2 in independent form. Non-elected claims 3-12 were previously withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, and 13-16 are currently under examination. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested in view of the following remarks.

Objection

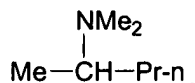
The Examiner rejects claim 2 on the ground that it fails to further narrow the scope of claim 1, from which it depends. Applicants have converted this claim to independent form to obviate this objection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, and 13-16 for lack of novelty, relying on *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 1932, pp 4385-4391. Specifically, he points out that a compound described in this reference (i.e., RN 857780-27-9) anticipates these claims.¹ Claims 1 and 2, the two independent claims, will be discussed first.

Claim 1, as amended, covers 24 tertiary amine compounds, each of which contains a carbon-carbon triple bond. Claim 2 covers tertiary amine compounds having a formula, which also contains a carbon-carbon triple bond.

According to the CAPLUS abstract provided by the Examiner, the prior art compound RN 857780-27-9 has the following structure:



¹ Applicants are not able to find the compound of RN 857780-27-9 in the cited reference. In any event, Applicants will discuss the patentability of claims 1, 2, and 13-16 over this compound as shown in the CAPLUS abstract provided by the Examiner.

As shown above, all chemical bonds present in this compound are singular. In other words, this compound does not contain a carbon-carbon triple bond, which is required in claims 1 and 2. Thus, claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 1932, pp 4385-4391.

For the same reasons set forth above, claims 13-16, all dependent from claim 2, are also novel over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that rejections asserted by the Examiner have been overcome, and that claims 1, 2, and 13-16 define subject matter that is novel over the cited prior art. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be allowed.

Enclosed is a \$ 510 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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